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Mr. Ron Derma
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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year 2011 Diversion Estimate for the Bard Water District (District)

Dear Mr. Derma:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's letter dated October 6, 2011, revising its diversion estimate for Colorado River water from 48,000 acre-feet to 49,200 acre-feet. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides the District with Reclamation's determination regarding the District's diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011.

Water rights for lands within the District are based on water right certificates providing for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the water right certificate.

Based upon review of factors related to the revised diversion estimate provided by the District, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 49,200 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's contract service area for 2011. This diversion approval results in an estimated consumptive use of 24,010 acre-feet for calendar year 2011.

Reclamation will monitor and project consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's 2011 Forecasted Water Use website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast11.pdf. It is expected that California entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for 2011. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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